

REMARKS

Applicants express appreciation to the Examiner for the recent telephonic interview held Sep. 13, 2006, with applicants' representative.¹ The claims have been further amended as proposed during the telephonic interview. Thus, independent claims 1 and 18 have been further amended.

Thus, by this paper claims 1 – 9, 11 – 13 and 15 – 27 remain pending. Of those claims, independent claims 1, 18 and 21 are presented for reconsideration together with the claims depending from them (claims 24 – 27 having been previously allowed).

Claims 1 and 18 have been further amended to clarify that the extension portion is both rotatably connected and rotatably adjustable relative to the handle portion. As discussed, this appeared to address any further concern the examiner had relative to those claims clearly defining over the reference to Melikechi et al. As discussed, Melikechi et al. discloses (see Fig. 2 and ¶ [0033]) a dental curing light with a flexible arm that can be twisted or bent in order to reposition and, in a sense, "rotate" the curing light. However, as noted, Melikechi et al. does not disclose or suggest a curing light wherein the extension portion (or the extension portion or light source) is rotatably connected and rotatably adjustable relative to the handle portion of the device. Nor does the prior art of record teach or otherwise suggest a device having a light source connected at a first swivel point to the extension portion (see claim 21).

Accordingly, for at least the reasons noted, independent claims 1 and 18 as further amended, and 21 and the claims depending from them are believed to be condition for allowance.

¹ Applicants note that Amendment A incorrectly referred to an interview that was not held. It was anticipated that the amendments as presented in Amendment A would be discussed in an interview prior to finalizing the amendment, but scheduling prevented that from occurring. To avoid extension fees, amendment was thus finalized and filed without the interview, and should have been corrected to reflect that, but was not. The interview was subsequently conducted by telephone as noted herein.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rick D. Nydegger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "R" and "N".

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